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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE MORRISON
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1. AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE MORRISON SAW ACTING
SECRETARY INGERSOLL AUGUST 4. SEATO, THE SALT TALKS AND
KOREAN ITEM IN UN (INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP FOR ROK) WERE DIS-
CUSSED. THE ACTING SECRETARY ASKED MORRISON WHERE THE
SUBJECT OF VISITS TO AUSTRALIAN PORTS BY US NUCLEAR POWERED
VESSELS STOOD, NOW THAT WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO GIVE AUSTRALIA
ASSURANCES ON LIABILITY, AND HAD SUPPLIED ENVIRONMENTAL
DATA.

2. MORRISON NOTED THAT SINCE SOME OF THE INFORMATION HAD
BEEN RECEIVED IN APRIL, THERE HAD BEEN RATHER FREQUENT
CHANGES IN PERSONS HOLDING THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT PORT-
FOLIO. HE SAID THAT HE FELT REMISS AT NOT HAVING PUSHED
THE STATE GOVERNMENTS, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PORT FACI-

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LITIES, HARDER. THERE WOULD BE A MEETING ON AUGUST 8 OF
FEDERAL AND STATE MINISTERS OF ENVIRONMENT, AT WHICH TECH-
NICAL PORT FACILITY QUESTIONS WOULD BE DISCUSSED. THE

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD OF COURSE MAKE THE DECISION ON OVERALL POLICY TOWARDS NUCLEAR PROPELLED VESSELS, AND WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO RECEIVING US VESSELS OF THIS NATURE. BUT IT HAD BEEN FELT NECESSARY TO HAVE AUSTRALIAN

SCIENTISTS MAKE AN INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENT IMPACT SURVEY, AND THIS HAD RESULTED IN SOME RESERVATIONS. AUSTRALIA WAS THINKING AHEAD TO WHEN THERE WERE NOT ONLY NUCLEAR PROPELLED WARSHIPS BUT ALSO MERCHANTMEN, AND REALIZED THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE SETTLED.

3. MORRISON ALSO NOTED THAT AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATION ON THE NORTH WEST CAPE INSTALLATION HAD HAD ITS SECOND READING, AND WAS YET TO COME UP FOR DEBATE. US SUCCESS IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR THE DIEGO GARCIA INSTALLATION GAVE HIS GOVERNMENT A PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM; IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF NOW THE US COULD ENTER INTO TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS ON LIMITING BUILDUP IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE ACTING SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM INVOLVED IN JUST HOW TO SET EFFECTIVE LIMITS ON NAVAL BUILDUPS, AND THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR IF THE SOVIETS WERE REALLY RECEPTIVE TO SUCH DISCUSSIONS. THE US WOULD FIRST HAVE TO COME TO AN INTERNAL AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED.

4. PRIOR TO HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY, MINISTER MORRISON SPENT HALF AN HOUR WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB, WHO DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE LATEST US INFORMATION ON EVENTS IN CAMBODIA, LAOS, VIET-NAM AND ASEAN COUNTRIES. INGERSOLL

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